

## SCOTT COUNTY KICKER

### FROM MACEDONIA.

You men who complain of the ravages of insects on your crops, why do you allow hunters to destroy the birds which destroy these insects? It is a well-known fact that farmers could raise scarcely anything without the aid of birds, who are the police force of the air and the fields, checking the enormous overproduction of predatory insects which would otherwise overrun the vegetable world. Woodpeckers, creepers, chickadees and others are the guardians of the trees; flycatchers protect the foliage; blackbirds, crows, thrushes and larks patrol the surface of the soil; snipe, woodcock and their allies have search warrants to go under the surface and arrest the festive cutworm and other pests. Each bird has its appointed place in the economy of nature, and without them we could derive little or no support from the vegetable kingdom. These facts are only just coming home to the farmer through sad experience. Conserve and protect the birds and so save the fruit. The little fruit and corn with which the birds vary their insect diet are as nothing beside what they save and, anyway, is not the laborer worthy of his hire? In some parts of the country the indulgence in so-called sport and perpetual pot-hunting has almost exterminated the song and insectivorous birds, and the result is barren orchards, sickly woodlands and grub-infested soil. Discourage promiscuous hunting; prohibit bird-nesting—there are laws on the statute book about all this, but until every farmer becomes his own game warden these laws won't pay for the ink they are printed in.

On Thursday, Jan. 7, while Fritz Lipps and his son, Louis, were sawing down a large tree, it leaned downhill and they tried to throw it down. The tree broke off and kept sliding down over the stump. A limb caught Louis on the back of the head, crushing his face to the frozen ground and killing him instantly. Louis was a strong, intelligent young man, and his death is quite a loss to the community. The family has the sympathy of all.

The Graysboro road needs attention. There's a petition out for a road from the Commerce and Kelso to the Commerce and Cape road. It is needed, without doubt.

Laura Sanders is reported on the mend, after a hard tussle with pneumonia.

Mrs. Joel Burns is very sick with pneumonia; also Mrs. Sanders.

### FROM EDNA.

It has lately been repeatedly reported that the Edna town site had been sold in a body to a railroad company. The report is not true. A right of way covering Front street has been made. About twenty-five lots have been disposed of, and these to individual purchasers. The majority are making preparations to build regardless of the supposed new railroad.

Freight trains are kept numerous through here and business seems to be rushing since the arrival of the transfers Morgan and Pacific at Graysboro.

Henry Klemme, who recently returned from Oklahoma, temporarily occupies one of the Schewitz houses. We are glad to have Henry among us again.

Messrs. Luby and Farrar, agent and yard master at Graysboro, were here Monday prospecting, as was also F. W. Mueller of Valley, Ill.

The steam shovel work on the Cotton Belt yard is nearing completion, after which work will be begun on the Bridge Co.'s yard.

Rev. A. Fuchler of the German Lutheran church will preach an English sermon Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

A. C. Schutte of Graysboro spent a few days' vacation here and in Cape during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunke visited relatives and friends in Cape Saturday and Sunday.

A quorum of the members of our social club entertained at Lone Star Saturday evening.

### FROM COMMERCE.

A lively stable, the property of Mrs. Riggs, run by Albert Ellis, was burned to the ground Monday morning at 2 o'clock. Vehicles and feed to value of \$300 were lost by Ellis. Hutton & Essary lost a horse and terrier dog. Mrs. Clemson's barn was also burned. Origin of fire unknown.

Major G. C. Rose died Wednesday morning at the age of 71. He was a G. A. R., an A. O. U. W. and a Mason in high standing. He was mayor of our village and a most useful citizen. His widow and friends have our sincere sympathy. The remains were interred in the Ballentine cemetery Thursday afternoon, the funeral being largely attended.

Manning Kimmel and Chas. Freeman of Cape Girardeau are here looking for mules to buy. Charles has sold his belongings at the Cape, and will live elsewhere in future.

River clear of ice at this point.

### FROM BIG ISLAND.

On account of bad roads Cody Walker has had to quit logging for a while.

Wm. Anderson is having land cleared and saw-logs and excelsior wood cut.

J. W. Smith has been at the bedside of Major Rose for several nights.

Mrs. Sally Mulligan is over 90 and as active as if not more than 80.

Wm. Brotherton is having some land cleared for J. H. Crowder.

Judge Reeder is in St. Louis under treatment for a sore on his face.

Blake Spriggs has quit railroad work and has gone to logging.

Mr. and Mrs. Spriggs' little child is sick with pneumonia.

Big Island was well represented in Commerce Saturday.

### FROM BLODGETT.

Claudd Hay, bookkeeper for the Johnstone Land Co., realizing the near approach of leap year, and fearing a rush in his direction that might have complicated matters, was quietly married to Miss Ella Griffin at Morehouse on the 29th ult. We join their many friends in wishing them felicity.

A watch party at the schoolhouse was enjoyed by the young folks New Year's eve. The girls, realizing that leap year was here, chose partners for the homegoing, and even Joe Adams has been seen to smile twice since.

The series of meetings at the M. E. church conducted by Revs. Swope, McManama and Jamison closed on the 27th ult., with 47 additions to the church.

A youngster stopped at the residence of John T. Marron New Year's eve, who will be old enough to vote for a Democrat of the Folk kind 21 years hence.

J. S. Marchinson has moved to a farm near the North Cut bridge. Gentry Bros. of Price's Landing will occupy the building vacated by him.

Miss Floss Whitener, milliner at B. Marshall & Co.'s for some time past, has returned to her home at Fredericktown.

We are glad to report that John Sinner, who has been quite low with pneumonia, is improving.

R. T. Powell has purchased six lots from James Peal, and is building a house thereon.

Mrs. J. E. Morris has returned from a visit to relatives at Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Sander of Dexter visiting the family of O. F. Goodin.

Miss Emma Haw visited relatives at Commerce Saturday and Sunday.

P. J. Kosing and Henry Stubbs spent Sunday in Charleston.

H. R. Williams spent Sunday evening at Morley.

Mrs. John Beardslee is on the sick list this week.

### FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Dr. J. F. Bagwell quit the practice of medicine here the first of the year, for which we are all very sorry, he having been our main standby in time of need for the past fifteen years.

John Suter and wife from the Whitesell farm spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in town.

Sheriff Watkins and daughter, Miss Clara, spent Friday and Saturday at Morley.

A train killed a fine brood sow for A. J. Abshier recently. He objects to that style of butchering.

Willie Masters of Charleston spent a few days visiting friends in this vicinity recently.

There has been 90 tons of hay baled on the Whitesell farm the past week or two.

Harry Welch left last week to attend the Christian College, St. Louis.

Mrs. Murphy of Bertrand visited friends here during the holidays.

Our schools are in full operation again, with the usual attendance.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Coon the week before last, a daughter.

Miss Allie Acres Sundayed with Miss Addie Abshier here.

Geo. Allen, who has been seriously sick, is convalescent.

Joie Bagwell returned to the Cape on the 4th.

### FROM PORTER SWITCH.

There has been quite a changing of neighbors down in the south. Mr. Marchison of Blodgett has moved to Ben Marshall's farm, and Mr. Casey, who lived there, is going to Richwoods. Henry Hampton has moved to the Jackson place, and Mr. Jackson is moving to Mississippi county.

W. T. Wilson and family and Miss Ronna Huffstutler have returned from Bloomfield, where they had been visiting relatives and friends.

Uncle Lark Huey is able to be about again. He has been laid up with a sprained ankle caused by a runaway team.

The party at Mr. Johnson's Thursday night was a most enjoyable affair. There were about 20 couples present.

Henry Stanley and family visited at the Collins Saturday and Sunday.

Another cool drink from Jacob's well, please.

### FROM CROWDER.

Died at Zalma, January 4th, Oma, wife of Marion Gray late of this place. She leaves a husband and two small children to mourn their loss. The remains were laid to rest in the Carpenter cemetery near Sikeston.

The Ben Hur Lodge had a public installation and supper Wednesday of last week, which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Thos. Swafford returned to her school at Hickory Grove Sunday after two weeks' vacation.

Miss Alpha Huffstutler visited in Vanduser Sunday, the guest of Miss Angie Rifer.

Miss Sarah Atkinson left Sunday for Graysboro, where she will stay a while.

Miss Katie Spann of Oran visited her sister, Mrs. Uley, a few days last week.

Miss Angie Rifer of Vanduser visited friends here Sunday and Monday.

Miss Cora Rodgers of Sikeston visited her aunt a few days last week.

Miss Cora Shannon is visiting friends in Cairo this week.

Mrs. S. J. Kimbell went to Morley Tuesday shopping.

Miss Zora Marshall visited in Sikeston last week.

### FROM HICKORY GROVE.

While Jim Foster was cutting wood last week the axe flew off and hit him in the head. Nothing serious.

### FROM ORAN.

We regret to learn that the St. Louis doctors think Judge Reeder's recovery more than doubtful. About two weeks ago the Judge went to the city to have an operation performed on a growth in the corner of his eye. Blood poisoning is the cause of the present apprehension.

Go to the Great Bargain store, where you will find the largest line of dry goods, clothing and shoes at the lowest prices. Call on me when you come to town. C. BANK, Oran.

Married at Malden, Jan. 8, 1904, Joe McMicken and Miss Mary Akley. Miss Mary is a daughter of our townsman, Peter Akley. We wish the young folks much joy.

Wm. Engle, who lately moved to Bollinger county, has been confined to the house with broken ribs, the result of a fall while loading goods into a car.

Died at the home of his parents on January 11th, 1904, Willie, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsiea Bryans, after a year of constant suffering.

I have many choice building lots for sale in different parts of Oran at prices to suit. Call and see what I have. J. D. GILLBERT.

Mrs. Madames Rockwell and Clemson, accompanied by Lucille Williams, returned from a short visit to relatives at the Cape.

W. H. Douglass of Senath, candidate for Congress in this district, was here getting acquainted Monday of last week.

Ed Engle is here on furlough. He has been in the Philippines in the regular army, and still has nine months to serve.

Tobe Fink has been appointed village marshal. Mr. Stone having resigned on account of ill health.

Chas. E. Gilson has bought a lot of Frank McGraw, and is getting the lumber ready for a new house.

An infant child of Joe Keller's died last Friday and was buried at the Catholic cemetery Saturday.

U. W. Robertson of Arkansas has purchased the 5-acre farm formerly owned by Ellis Person.

A. Gryling has been out at New Hamburg about getting up plans for the new schoolhouse.

Mrs. John P. Westrich of New Hamburg visited her father and sister here Friday.

Rev. Citten of Pine Bluff, Ark., is helping in the meeting at the Methodist church.

Dr. Wescoat has just completed a new dwelling on his farm southwest of town.

St. Joseph's Society elected officers for the ensuing year last Sunday week.

Adam Halter is up from Sikeston to do work on the Catholic church.

Rex Cunningham of Charleston visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Ruth Mitchell has returned from a visit to Kentucky.

A child of M. Winer is very sick at this writing.

Dennis Githens spent Sunday with his parents.

Love Bowman is very low with pneumonia.

Joe Keller has sold his farm and sawmill.

### FROM VANDUSER.

M. Winer of Oran has opened a branch store here. He will keep a high grade of goods, he assures us, and Paul Roberts will be in charge.

The ball given here last Friday night by the M. W. A. was a success, and everybody had a good time.

Mrs. Mary Joyce was called to the bedside of Chas. Mison's child at Richwoods, who has pneumonia.

Vanduser is growing every day. We have now another store and a warm competition is expected.

Bro. McDonald preached a good sermon here Sunday. Bro. Jones preaches here next Sunday.

L. P. Woodward returned to his logging camp Monday of last week, taking little Ray with him.

The oyster supper last Thursday night was a success, and was much enjoyed by all who participated.

S. J. Kimbel and wife and Miss Alpha Huffstutler spent Sunday with J. A. Rifer.

James Wallace and wife spent Sunday in Stoddard county with Jim's uncle John.

There is talk of another saloon at this place, but we certainly don't need it.

Mrs. L. Butler has been at Morehouse for a week past visiting her sister.

Harry Sullivan of Bloomfield had business here the first of the week.

We are glad to see Fred Gatewood up again after an attack of grip.

Joe Miller and John Mosley of Oran were here Saturday.

Tom Chaney and wife spent Sunday with Tom's father.

The Dixon brothers are closing out their restaurant here.

John Hunter of Morley was here Monday.

James R. Joyce was in town Monday.

Mrs. Vanduser is sick at present.

### FROM CARY.

Saturday of last week our little town was depopulated, so many went to the Moreland trial at Benton. It lasted about a minute.

Mrs. Madames Richard Huffstutler and Rhoda Finley from Crowder are visiting in this neighborhood.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pate on the 8th, a ten pound boy. See to the daddy smile.

Mr. Goodin is having a nice dwelling house built in the bottom for Ab Finch.

### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

When spring opens up our town will start out with a genuine boom. A contract has been let to W. L. Tinnin of Farmington for the manufacture right here of three hundred thousand brick by July. Then the work of building the new schoolhouse will begin, under the supervision of Andrew Essner. The brick and carpenter work is expected to be completed before the frosts of next winter. Then the building will be allowed to settle until the following spring, when plastering will begin.

A. K. Gryding, an architect who is now in Sikeston, was here Sunday arranging specifications.

A petition is being circulated and numerous signed, the object of which is to reduce the hills on the road leading east from here. John Scilitt is at the head of the movement, which insures success.

The Huffman Heading & Stave Co. has put in a branch at the Nick Dannenmueller farm and Sol Diebold is thinking of laying out a town site on the prospect of having the mill located on his premises.

You can buy goods at 25 per cent less at the Great Bargain store than anywhere else in Scott county. Keep this in mind when you visit our town. C. BANK, Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Stike of Jonesboro, Ark., spent the holidays at home. Sunday John returned, but Mrs. Stike will remain a week or two longer.

During the past week the Illinois Central railroad has been surveying a route through here to Springfield, Missouri.

The mother of Anton and Louis Legrand is reported quite sick at the home of Louis near Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bisher, Ferd Bisher and John Battel had business in Benton Tuesday.

Emil Bertrand visited Charleston last week, where he is said to have a sweetheart.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dannenmueller Thursday of last week.

Schoen & Co. report having done a nice business during the past year.

There is a rumor that James Hand will take unto himself a wife soon.

Will Holder at Benton pays highest market price for beef cattle.

Peter Scherers is confined to his bed, a very sick man.

Was ist los mit Jakob's brunnen?

### FROM MORLEY.

Clint Painter of this place and Miss Daisy Baxter of Nashville, Tenn., were quietly married at Charleston Sunday. They will make their home in Morley for the present.

Do you know that the Great Bargain store carries the largest and best line of dry goods, clothing and shoes to be found hereabouts? Don't forget it. C. BANK.

Leah Ramsey, a butcher at Morley, was taken to the Farmington asylum Tuesday, crazy from the use of morphine.

The young folks enjoyed a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Marshall Thursday night of last week.

Quite a number of the boys attended the oyster supper at Benton Saturday night.

Mr. Ramsey was taken from this place to the Farmington insane asylum Tuesday.

Morley will again have two saloons, Joe Merritt getting his license by a small majority.

Miss Bonnie Utterback of Sikeston is visiting friends and relatives here.

Kish Smith and Burley Bevel visited friends at Lutesville Sunday.

Miss Ollie Ragaines of St. Louis is visiting relatives here this week.

The infant of E. F. Bryans of Oran was buried here Tuesday.

Miss Estelle Harris is visiting her sister at Bleda this week.

P. H. Boyce made a trip to Blodgett Tuesday evening.

### FROM GRAYSBORO.

Miss Effie Woley died at the home of her parents on January 5, aged 19 years and 6 months. Besides her parents she leaves a brother and sister and many friends to mourn her death. The remains were interred in Graysboro cemetery.

Geo. Hawkins sold seven lots one day last week to one man. A large furniture factory will be built here in the spring, and lots in B3 have been bought for that purpose.

The river is almost clear of ice now and as soon as the boats commence running building material will be brought here for several houses.

John Dilger's new house is completed and he has moved in. He now boards at home and lives at the same place.

A Baptist Sunday school has been organized in the Oregon building and has a good attendance.

If you want to know what is going on in town just join the Ladies' Aid; only 10 cents.

Oliver Pate has been quite sick, but is somewhat better.

### FROM McMULLIN.

Arthur Joyce went to sleep as he was returning from taking his girl home Sunday night. His rig struck a stump and was wrecked.

Miss Edith Joyce has returned from Dexter where she had been visiting relatives.

Prof. Ellis has been rather ill, but was able to resume his school duties Monday.

The quarterly meeting was held at the church Saturday and Sunday.

A lot of weddings are reported due. We know of at least one.

Miss Maggie Bean has gone to her sister's near Morehouse.

Will Carroll has gone to the Cape to attend Normal school.

Miss Anna Carroll spent Sunday with Arthur Joyce.

Fred Thurston and wife Sundayed at James Joyce's.

Dr. Kendall makes daily visits to Mr. Mason's.



After wishing one and all a prosperous and happy New Year, I wish to announce that

## IN THE SUMMER

I must give up possession of the store building to Mr. Drury. I have on hand

## Ten Thousand Dollars' Worth of Goods

That must be disposed of at prices that will make them move.

Especially must the Winter Goods go right away. If I hold them until spring opens nobody will have use for them. So these goods must go regardless of cost.

Call and See for Yourself.

## A. Baudendistel, Kelso.

## Fifteen Days' Reduction Sale.

I am going to move back in Layton Store Building and will have to reduce my large new stock of general merchandise. In order to do so, I will sell out my goods regardless of cost.

NOTE SOME OF MY PRICES:

Calico goes at 3c per yard.	Star Tobacco 40c per plug.
Best Flannelette 8c per yard.	Tomatoes, Corn and Apples, 3 cans 25c.
Best Bed Comforts \$1.23.	Best Table Syrup 20c per bucket.
Others 98c.	Best Smoked Bacon 9c per pound.
Best Cotton Blankets 98c.	Dry Salt Meat 8c per pound.
Others 63c.	Best Leaf Lard 9c per pound.
Best Costas' Thread 4c a spool.	Loaded Shells 30c per box.
Granulated Sugar, 20 pounds for \$1.	Shoes that were \$3.50 now go at \$2.95
B.B.B. Roasted Coffee 6c per pound.	" " 2.50 " 2.10
Arbuckle's Coffee 10c per package.	" " 2.00 " 1.68
1 lb. any kind, 7c per can, 4 cans for 25c.	" " 1.50 " 1.28
All Kinds of Twist Tobacco 4c a twist.	" " 1.00 " .88

Clothing, Caps, Hats, Harness, Hardware, and in fact Everything proportionally cheap.

EVERYBODY COME.

## R. J. DABBS, VANDUSER.

### FROM KELSO.

Squire Dannenmueller, Joe Hess, and Mr. and Mrs. Const. Dohogne, were at the county seat Saturday.

At Drury Bros. store a rooster put his head out of the coop and yelled: "Folk-for-govern-or-r-r."

Our bank will open for business Monday. Lee Albert, the cashier, was here Saturday.

The Misses Bertha Dumey and Lena Boyer have returned from a visit to Jackson.